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**SENATE JUDICIARY**

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January 18, 2013

To: Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee  
From: Al Ward, Volunteer Advocate for AARP Montana  
Re: Support SB 110

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee for the record I am Al Ward, a volunteer advocate for AARP Montana, an organization with about 155,000 members in this state. We urge you to support SB 110 because it is a common sense approach to crime prevention.

We know that Montana's population is rapidly aging and that crime against older Montanans will increase. We should be protecting Montana's seniors and all residences by increasing crime prevention efforts.

I have been involved with law enforcement and non-profit crime prevention programs for 33 years. During that time I've seen many good programs curtailed for lack of funding to support them. SB 110 makes sense because the revenue comes from the people committing crimes. Somehow, making the criminals that cause the need for the crime prevention programs to pay for them seems appropriate.

Montanans deserve to have safe communities to grow up and age in. Please support SB 110.